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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 15, 1847.

Read twice, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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**AN ACT**

To re-organize the district courts of the United States in the State of  
Alabama.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2   *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3   the State of Alabama shall be, and the same is hereby, divided  
4   into three districts, in manner following, to wit: the counties of  
5   Mobile, Washington, Baldwin, Sumter, Clarke, Marengo, Greene,  
6   Pickens, Wilcox, Monroe, Conecuh, shall compose one district,  
7   to be called the southern district, and a court shall be held for  
8   the said district, as heretofore, at Mobile; the counties of Mont-  
9   gomery, Autauga, Coosa, Tallapoosa, Chambers, Talladega, Ran-  
10   dolph, Macon, Russell, Barbour, Pike, Henry, Dale, Coffee, Cov-  
11   ington, Lowndes, Dallas, Perry, Bibb, Shelby, shall hereafter  
12   compose one district, to be called the middle district, and a court  
13   shall be held for the said district at Montgomery; and the resi-  
14   due of the counties of said State shall hereafter compose the  
15   northern district of Alabama, and a court shall be held for the  
16   same, as heretofore, at Huntsville.

1        SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the next term  
2 of the district court for the said middle district, and every term  
3 thereafter, shall be held at Montgomery; and the clerk and  
4 marshal of said middle district are hereby required forthwith  
5 to remove all the books and papers and records belonging to  
6 their respective offices from Tuscaloosa to Montgomery.

1        SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all causes at law  
2 or in chancery, pending in the said district courts at Mobile and  
3 Huntsville, or in the circuit court of the United States at Mobile,  
4 in which the defendant or defendants reside in the middle dis-  
5 trict (as hereby established) at the time of serving process, shall  
6 be transferred for trial to the district court for the said middle  
7 district, and be proceeded in, heard, adjudged, and determined  
8 in the same manner as though originally commenced or prose-  
9 cuted in the said court; and it shall be the duty of the clerks of  
10 the said courts at Huntsville and Mobile safely to transmit to  
11 the clerk of the district court at Montgomery the original pa-  
12 pers in all cases hereby ordered to be transferred, together with  
13 a transcript of all orders and other proceedings had thereon.

1        SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the court for the  
2 northern district shall be allowed at each term an additional  
3 week, unless it should sooner dispose of its business, and that the  
4 court for the middle district shall be held one week later than  
5 the time now fixed by law for holding the same.

1        SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That all laws, or parts  
2 of laws, contravening or opposed to the provisions of this act, be,  
3 and the same are hereby repealed.

Passed the House of Representatives, January 14, 1847.

Attest :

B. B. FRENCH, *Clerk*.